where emoluments have been fixed in an entirely different working system.

(c) No, Sir. The extra departmental agents are part time employees and they cannot be treated at par with regular departmental employees.

**Reinstatement of ED employees**

1920. SHRI L. K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of ED employees under put-off duty for more than 4 months as on 31st December, 1988;

(b) what is the number of ED employees under put-off duty for less than 4 months as on 31st December, 1988;

(c) how many ED employees were re-instated after review by the heads of the circles;

(d) whether Government would pay full wages to those ED employees who were found not guilty and were fully exonerated after review/appeal; and

(e) whether Government would consider to reinstate all the ED employees under put-off duty for more than 4 months where the reasons cannot be attributed to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) No, Sir. Extra Departmental employees being part-time employees, having other avocations of life are not entitled to any allowances for the period they do not actually perform their duty as during the put off duty period they are supported by their main source of income.

(e) No, Sir. The EDAs are put off duty where an enquiry into any complaint or allegation of misconduct is pending. However, periodic review of the put off duty cases is done with a view to reduce the period of put off duty and expedite disposal of such cases.

**Increase in the prices of Streptomycin**

1921. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1404 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st November, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no increase in the weighted average price of streptomycin and the same continues at Rs. 1049 per kg.;

(b) if so, on what basis the prices of formulations have gone up;

(c) what were the prices of formulations of Streptomycin under DPCO, 1979 and what are their present prices; and

(d) what is the percentage increase in prices and on what basis the 2.12 per cent increase in formulation prices was calculated?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (d) The price of Streptomycin Sulphate Bulk Drug reckoned for formulations Pricing was Rs. 1027/- per kg. under DPCO 1979. It was, however, revised under the provisions of DPCO 1987 on adhoc basis, pending detailed cost price study by BICP.

In so far as formulations are concerned, the previous leader prices were revised upwards towards the end of 1987 by adjusting MARK-UP/MAPE as required under DPCO 1987. The increase of 2.12 percent referred to in part (d) of the question is the possible increase consequent upon the adhoc revision in the bulk drug price mentioned above. Actually, however, this increase has not yet been notified.